

These are the minutes of the Regular Session of the City of Adams, WI held on January 3, 2006 in the City Municipal Building.

Meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Mayor Romell. On roll call were Alderpersons Eggebrecht, Hart, Jensen, LaQuee, Thums, Williams, Mayor Romell, Administrator Ellisor, Chief Gold, and Street Superintendent Mead. Attorney Pollex was excused.

Motion by Thums, second by LaQuee to approve the minutes of the December 19, 2005 meeting as printed. Roll call vote, all voted aye.

Petitions and Communications:

Williams stated there is a Public Works Committee meeting next week for which he wanted assurances that representatives from MSA Professional Services be present.

Report of Standing Committees:

Finance Committee: The Finance Committee met December 28, 2005.

The Rural Development Project financial update will be discussed at the next meeting.

Committee recommended payment of the bills as presented.

LaQuee questioned the progress of obtaining auditing services. Administrator Ellisor explained that Requests for Proposals are being prepared and require lengthy specifications. Qualified firms will be contacted for proposals in time for the next meeting.

Personnel Committee: The Personnel Committee met December 21, 2005.

Clerk/Treasurer Renner proposed a part-time transitional position with 1/2 benefits. After discussion, the Committee recommended a 6 month trial basis. For Wisconsin Retirement requirements, Clerk Renner is requesting to be off from March 3 through April 3, 2006.

The Committee met in Closed Session to consider compensation or performance evaluation data of City Administrator, Department Heads, and Non-Union Positions

Report of City Officers:

Mayor Romell:

Mayor Romell reported that the City has received acknowledgement of receipt from the Department of Natural Resources regarding plans and specifications for a temporary ultraviolet irradiation system at Well #2. Discussion was held as to what effect/need for chlorination during next year's construction there may be. Street Superintendent Mead reported that he will be finding this out in an upcoming meeting.

The Mayor also announced the upcoming National Incident Management System (NIMS) training sessions. All City personnel that are in a decision making position must take this training to qualify for future federal grants.

City Administrator:

Administrator Ellisor reported that the audit proposal process is in the works.

A Rural Development meeting will be held next week. There are still a few items that require attention to allow close out of the loan portion of the project, estimated to be in April.

Administrator Ellisor stated that he is aware of NIMS training courses coming up.

Street Superintendent:

Street Superintendent Mead reported that Mike Moran has retired after twenty-five years of service to the City. Bob Berry has been assigned to the water department and has been busy doing meter changes required for the remote meter reading transformation.

Brush pick-up was performed last week and it appears that most of the brush has been picked up. Weather permitting, the Public Works Department may be out to check for remaining brush within the next two weeks.

Williams stated that, due to the Rural Development Project construction occurring in front of his house and as there is no alleyway past his home, there have been problems with his garbage not being picked up.

LaQuee mentioned that he has received complaints that the newer streets were not plowed until a couple days after the last snowfall. Both Street Superintendent Mead and Chief Gold assured the Council that the streets were cleared with a minimum of a double pass through each street in accordance with normal procedures.

New and Unfinished Business:

Motion by Thums, second by Hart to approve payment of the bills. Roll call vote, all voted aye.

Motion by Thums, second by Eggebrecht to approve pay estimate #6 to D. L. Gasser Construction in the amount of \$133,374.68 (Rural Development Project). Roll call vote: Jensen, LaQuee, Thums, Eggebrecht, and Hart – aye; Williams – abstained.

Mayor Romell waived the second reading of a resolution relating to a loan through Rural Development for the sewer main replacements to allow action this evening.

Motion by Thums, second by Jensen to adopt Resolution No. 2006-01 (see appendix B of Minutes Book) **which authorizes and provides for the incurrence of indebtedness for the purpose of providing a portion of the cost of acquiring, constructing, enlarging , improving, and/or extending sewer main replacements by undertaking the issuance of bonds in the principal amount of \$3,898,000.00. Roll call vote, all voted aye.**

Mayor Romell waived the second reading of a resolution relating to a loan through Rural Development for the water main replacements to allow action this evening.

Motion by Eggebrecht, second by Jensen to adopt Resolution No. 2006-02 (see appendix B of Minutes Book) **which authorizes and provides for the incurrence of indebtedness for the purpose of providing a portion of the cost of acquiring, constructing, enlarging , improving, and/or extending water main replacements by undertaking the issuance of bonds in the principal amount of \$1,904,500.00. Roll call vote, all voted aye.** (Administrator Ellisor explained that by waiting until this time period saved the City a quarter percent of interest, resulting in approximately \$460,000.00 of interest payment over the term of the loan.)

Motion by Williams, second by Eggebrecht to table the City Administrator's contract revisions because the Administrator is negotiating contract terms with both unions at this time and it should not be passed until such time as they're completed. (Williams stated that he felt that there are items in the Administrator's contract that exceeded what is being offered to the other people.) **Roll call vote, all voted aye.**

Discussion was held on the Clerk/Treasurer's request to create a transitional part-time Clerk/Treasurer's position leading up to her full retirement. The Clerk/Treasurer is requesting one-half of what she is receiving – half of the current salary (the same rate of pay broken down to an hourly basis) and half of the benefits currently received (ie: one half of health insurance premiums paid by the City instead of the full premiums currently being paid by the City).

Motion by LaQuee, second by Hart to have the Clerk/Treasurer pursue the information required (through Wisconsin Retirement) **and when she brings it back then we'll create a resolution. Roll call vote, all voted aye.** (Williams objected to paying wages that would be the same as the current wages broken down to an hourly rate and to offering any benefits. He also objected to the stipulation that the Clerk/Treasurer would have the option of returning full-time should it be determined that, after a trial period, part-time was not working out.)

Motion by Thums, second by Eggebrecht to authorize issuance of Operator Licenses to Anthony Spielman, Sr. and Sean Thoma: Roll call vote: Jensen, LaQuee, Thums, Williams and Eggebrecht – aye, Hart – abstained.

Motion by Thums, second by Hart to adjourn. Roll call vote, all voted aye.

Linda L. Renner
Clerk/Treasurer